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Office Action Summary

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 3/31/04
- ☒ This action is **FINAL**.
- ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, **prosecution as to the merits is closed** in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- ☒ Claim(s) 1-67 is/are pending in the application.
- Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- ☒ Claim(s) 1-67 is/are rejected.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement

Application Papers

- ☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.
- ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner
- ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d)

- ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d).
- ☐ All ☐ Some ☐ None of the:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____
- ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a))

*Certified copies not received: _____

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____ ☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413
- ☐ Notice of Reference(s) Cited, PTO-892 ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948 ☐ Other _____

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1. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

2. Claims 1-67 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over either Perrin et al., or Jackson, Jr. et al., substantially for the reasons initially set forth in paragraph No. 7 of Paper No. 10, together with the following additional observations. The references are again relied upon substantially as previously set forth, disclosing applicants' claimed structure after the amendments which again simply reads upon a thin, presumably metal sheet characterized as a "susceptor" which is coated with a suitable heat activatable adhesive (note Perrin et al., column 3 lines 11-14, line 50) on at least one surface. Additionally, in order to meet the claimed performance parameters regarding its relationship with a "test surface congruent in shape to the susceptor surface" is believed to require in the most common of cases only the presence of, e.g., a wide variety of essentially flat sheet surfaces such as are either expressly shown by the references, or alternatively would either be inherent in the reference teachings or an obvious optimization to one of ordinary skill in the heat transfer laminate art. Additionally, such limitations as the thickness of the susceptor sheet (e.g., claims 3, 62), whether or not the adhesive coating

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is "discontinuous" (claim 5) and the presence of a "supplemental layer" set forth in claims 11-13 which can read upon a thin adhesive layer such as has already been deposited upon the susceptor, are each believed to be either expressly or inherently present, or at most an obvious optimization to one of ordinary skill. Note additionally also that the two references require the adhesive coating to be adjacent to the susceptor surface which is now an express requirement of the claims. Note also Brooks, which is now relied upon particularly for the disclosure set forth at column 3, lines 31-37, particularly lines 35-37 that the adhesive may be provided in almost any pattern, either, e.g., as a continuous layer or as one or more longitudinally extending ribbons or beads or as individual beads or in a pattern or the like. Note that Brooks is no longer relied upon as a primary reference, but as evidence of the state of the art since it does not show the presence of an adhesive layer which is immediately adjacent to the susceptor surface.

3. Applicants' amendment necessitated the new grounds of rejection. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See M.P.E.P. § 706.07(a). Applicants are reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). The practice of automatically extending the shortened statutory period an additional month upon the filing of a timely first response to a

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final rejection has been discontinued by the Office. See 1021 TMOG 35.

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE TO THIS FINAL ACTION IS SET TO EXPIRE THREE MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS ACTION. IN THE EVENT A FIRST RESPONSE IS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE MAILING DATE OF THIS FINAL ACTION AND THE ADVISORY ACTION IS NOT MAILED UNTIL AFTER THE END OF THE THREE-MONTH SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD, THEN THE SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD WILL EXPIRE ON THE DATE THE ADVISORY ACTION IS MAILED, AND ANY EXTENSION FEE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) WILL BE CALCULATED FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THE ADVISORY ACTION. IN NO EVENT WILL THE STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE EXPIRE LATER THAN SIX MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS FINAL ACTION.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel Zirker whose telephone number is (571) 272-1486. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 8:30 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Terrel Morris, can be reached on (571) 272-1478. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 872-9306.

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